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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/688,766  
Filing Date: October 16, 2000  
Applicant: Morikawa et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2128  
Examiner: Russell Frejd  
Title: OUTLINE EXTRACTING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
AND COMPUTER READABLE MEMORY MEDIUM  
Attorney Docket: 6340-000017

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.